

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

This application is a division of prior application:

Applicant: Brian Robert Simpson et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced divisional application,
please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, immediately after the title, please insert the following new
section:

Cross-Reference to Related Application

A1 This application is a divisional of Serial

No. 08/793,028, filed March 6, 1997, and
us Pat No. 6,337,126
presently pending.

A2 On page 1, prior to the first full paragraph, please insert --Field of the
Invention--;

between lines 6 and 7, please insert --Description of the
Relevant Prior Art--;